

# lesotho letters

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## Answer to Prayer

For several months we have been asking you to pray for revival in Lesotho. Please continue praying, but also **praise** God for answering. Satan had sowed seeds of division among some of the pastors, but through prayer, God has defeated these plans.

## **Prayer and Praise:**

- Please **pray** much for our Bible distribution trip to Zimbabwe. We plan to leave the 17th of July, and I will be there for about three weeks. Don't forget to **pray** for Stephanie and Kaitlyn who will stay here in Lesotho.
- **Praise** God for several good outreaches in villages where we are starting new congregations. (Read more on page 2.)
- Continue to **pray** for the political situation in Lesotho! Strikes and demonstrations are still being held in the capital city. The situation is potentially dangerous because there is division and fighting within the army. Several people have been beaten or kidnapped and killed.

## July-August 2007

### Church Planting in Lesotho

**Evangelism without church planting often leads to limited, short-term success.** New converts quickly fall back into sin without a pastor to encourage and teach them. When we hold evangelistic campaigns we try to hold them near existing congregations or in an area where we intend to start a new church.

I (Glenn) began to learn this important lesson back in 2001 when a lady from Ha Mokhachane (a small village in the mountains about two hours away) begged us to come and pitch a tent in her village. She had gotten saved and was witnessing to her neighbors but was begging for spiritual encouragement and teaching. At God's clear leading we walked through this open door.

Over the past six years, we've visited them almost every month, pitched tents, brought them to conferences, and organized a small congregation that meets in a modular tin church. We've sent two pastors who, for a variety of reasons, only stayed a few months. **Against all odds, this little flock has grown both in grace and numerically, but one problem remains. They still have no permanent pastor.**



Rev. Matsaba (the pastor who visits the congregation at Ha Mokhchane every month) standing in the door of the modular church



The congregation at Ha Mokhachane

had been calling him into ministry, and Mrs. Mathabang can hardly wait until we bring her the first book for a correspondence course. We will bring the man to Maseru, and he will spend a month studying and ministering under the experienced leadership of Rev. Tsikane Pheko. He will then return to his village and begin leading the congregation there, as well as continue correspondence study.

**Please pray earnestly for Mr. Motsuoa and Mrs. Mathabang.** Also pray for the growing flock that they will be leading. The chief of the village has given us a piece of land where we can build a church, and he is encouraging people to attend. (Of course he never comes himself, :( but I'm sure God is working in his life.) In October we plan to hold a conference in the village and baptize new believers. Pray that God will give a rich harvest as the Gospel penetrates this new area!



The children's choir

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.*

*Amen*

### Life in Lesotho

Recently a new witch doctor has opened shop at the edge of Maseru. People are flocking to him to be healed, to get help finding jobs, to curse their enemies, or to get medicine that will protect them from curses. Why is this new "doctor" so popular? He has four large turtles chained outside his office! Even rich people driving BMWs and Mercedes' come to him with their problems. They believe in him because of his turtles!



A witch doctor



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### Help from Abroad

Solomon said, "The glory of young men is their strength." The strength and enthusiasm of both the young men and young women who visited us in June and July were a blessing to us. A TLC team spent most of their time in South Africa, but one day they helped us with an outreach in Lesotho. They did a great job! Another team of South African youth



The TLC team



The South African team came with a special blessing: their own interpreter, Simeon!

helped us put a ceiling in at Ha Matala and assisted our church youth with three outreaches in the mountains. They were a wonderful help, too! Thank you so much, teams, for giving up your school vacations to help us in Lesotho!



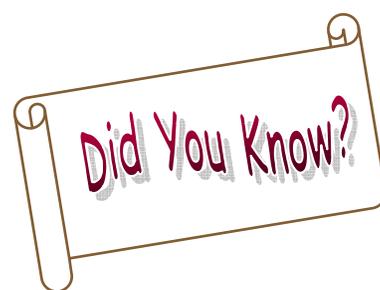
Ian from South Africa teaching the children



Kristel, Beth, & Ashley loving the children

### Kaitlyn's Korner

Last week we had some very cold weather. We even had snow at our house. I really like my stocking hats, but I'm still learning how to put them on!



**LESOTHO HAS THE THIRD HIGHEST RATE OF AIDS IN THE WORLD.**

*We'll tell you more about this in our next newsletter.*

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly.

*Glenn, Stephanie + Kaitlyn Gault*